

ANNUAL REPORTS

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1942

Despite rising prices and the difficult conditions which have caused the loss of many members, our balance is larger than a year ago. This is due to the generous donations of time and energy by the editors, secretary, and membership chairman, and to the constant economies practiced by these officers as well as to the loyalty of the members. The auction of paintings donated by President Sutton was responsible for \$159.50 of our present balance.

Balance as shown by last report dated Nov. 22, 1941	\$ 42.04
<i>Receipts</i> Nov. 17, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1942	
Dues:	
Associate	1,185.35
Active	970.09
Sustaining	200.00
Subscriptions to the <i>Wilson Bulletin</i>	99.00
Contributions	325.41
Sale of back numbers of the <i>Wilson Bulletin</i>	179.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	5.10
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,005.99

Disbursements:

The <i>Wilson Bulletin</i> : printing, engraving, mailing	\$2,001.42
Editor's expense: postage, mailing	60.09
Secretary's expense: stationery, postage, clerical aid	159.10
Treasurer's expense: postage, printing, clerical aid	79.65
Membership Committee expense: postage, printing	151.83
Annual meeting of 1941: programs, badges	122.02
Bank charges	47.18
Bad checks returned	17.03
Subscription refunds on erroneous orders	12.70
Miscellaneous: reprints, purchase of old <i>Bulletins</i>	20.49
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,671.51
Balance on hand in St. Anthony Park State Bank,	
St. Paul, Minnesota. Dec. 31, 1942	\$ 334.48

ENDOWMENT FUND

The endowment fund made substantial increases during the year as a result of the activities of the Endowment Committee, and because we received during the year a bequest, the first during the present treasurer's term of office. The income from the endowment fund is used entirely for improving *The Wilson Bulletin*.

Bonds on deposit in safety deposit box, St. Anthony Park State Bank, St. Paul:	
U.S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds dated July 1, 1935.....	\$780.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, maturity value May 31, 1945	
\$900.00, purchase value	675.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, maturity value Aug. 1, 1948	
\$1,075.00, purchase value	806.25
Balance in savings account, St. Anthony Park State Bank, Oct. 1, 1941	142.26
<i>Received during year:</i>	
Interest on U.S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds	39.00
Interest on savings account	3.79
Contribution	5.00
Bequest from estate of Marcia Clay, deceased member	100.00
New Life Members	525.00
Balance on hand in savings account, St. Anthony Park State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Dec. 31, 1942.....	\$ 815.05
Total endowment fund, savings account and bonds at purchase value	<hr/> \$3076.30

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAV SWANSON, *Treasurer*

December 31, 1942

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1942

Once again the orderly procedure of the Wilson Ornithological Club has been interrupted by war. The annual meeting for 1942, scheduled for Ithaca, New York, was postponed, nor have any definite plans been drawn for further meetings until after the emergency is over.

The Club closed its year (as of December 1) with a membership of 1,054. During 1942 we lost 293 members and gained 166 new ones, the net loss being 127 members. The greater part of this loss is, the secretary believes, directly attributable to the war. We now have more than a hundred of our members in the armed services, and more are constantly being called up. Another factor contributing to the decrease in membership was the omission of the annual meeting. These meetings have always been important in attracting new members.

As in other recent years the Club owes a heavy debt of gratitude to Richard L. Weaver, and to the members of his Membership Committee. They have been unflagging in their work of solicitation, and fertile in devices for finding new members. Largely through their efforts, our membership has grown considerably in New England and in other eastern states.

Faced with the necessity of conducting the Club's election and other business by mail, the president, George M. Sutton, appointed a nominating committee consisting of Margaret M. Nice, Chairman, H. L. Stoddard, and Jesse M. Shaver. This committee published its report in the December *Wilson Bulletin*, nominating a slate of candidates as follows:

- President: George Miksch Sutton
- First Vice-President: S. Charles Kendeigh
- Second Vice-President: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.
- Secretary: Maurice G. Brooks
- Treasurer: Milton B. Trautman
- Councillors: Burt L. Monroe, Eugene P. Odum, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw

All members of the club were invited to vote for officers, either from the suggested slate, or as they otherwise chose. All ballots received by the secretary have been in ratification of the committee's slate, and the election of the officers named above is hereby certified. The Club's constitution places the responsibility for electing an editor on the Council; this election has been held, and has resulted in the unanimous selection of Josselyn Van Tyne to serve during 1943.

Late in the year George M. Sutton was commissioned a captain in the United States Army, and has been forced to give up temporarily the active direction of Wilson Club affairs. In his absence S. Charles Kendeigh becomes acting president for 1943. O. S. Pettingill, Jr., automatically becomes acting first vice-president. Another member of the Council, Burt L. Monroe, is also now in active military service.

The Secretary wishes to express his sincerest thanks to those who have helped him, and have borne with his many shortcomings during his first year in office. It has been a trying period, and there have been many delays, seemingly unavoidable. He hopes sincerely that every member of the Club will feel a personal interest in maintaining the membership of the organization, and in contributing to its continued progress.

Respectfully submitted,

March 2, 1943

MAURICE G. BROOKS, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

During the past year this newly constituted committee, after preliminary discussions, came to substantial agreement as to the nature of the campaign to be conducted for additional endowment, and laid plans for a long range effort. An initial statement was made in the June *Bulletin*; and as it was generally considered that conditions did not warrant sending out a letter to the entire membership on the subject, a fuller statement with a more direct appeal was inserted in the December *Bulletin*.

In the meantime the membership was apportioned on a geographical basis to the members of the committee for making personal appeals; and while this work has as yet only begun, and has hardly touched some regions, nevertheless at least six new Life Memberships have come in. As was to be expected, the committee's work has suffered by reason of the war. One of its members has been called to service, others are finding less time for non-war work, and it is proving more difficult to interest the membership in such matters. It is hoped that as members pay their 1943 dues they will give serious consideration to transferring to the Life Membership class.

Respectfully submitted,

February 26, 1943

GEORGE B. THORP, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS COMMITTEE

The present chairman took office in January, 1942, and the following members agreed to serve on the committee—Roger Peterson, Karl Maslowski, Richard Grossenheider and T. M. Shortt.

The exact functions of the recently formed Illustrations Committee were very nebulous, and the committee's operation this year has reflected this uncertainty. It is sometimes difficult for such a widely dispersed committee to function quickly enough to provide the answer to problems which arise late in the editing of a given *Bulletin*. The committee, however, has been able to be of some assistance to the editor. We aided in securing illustrations for the September issue of the

Bulletin. Some illustrative materials for other issues were submitted to the chairman for criticism, and ideas have been exchanged with the editor regarding illustrations in past issues. A list of artists and photographers who have offered materials for use as illustrations in the *Bulletin* has been compiled.

The committee suggests that a file of the species of birds for which various artists or photographers have illustrative material available for use in the *Bulletin* would be of value to the editor. The compiling of such a file would be a constructive function for succeeding Illustrations Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BRECKENRIDGE, *Chairman*

February 15, 1943

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

At the 1941 annual meeting the affiliation of the Inland Bird Banding Association, the Virginia Ornithological Society, and the Georgia Ornithological Society was formally completed. The Wilson Club heartily welcomes these organizations to affiliation and believes that the association will be of mutual benefit.

The matter of affiliation with our organization was referred to committee by the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology at their annual meeting in April, 1942. A vote will be taken at the coming annual meeting in April at Waukesha.

The committee will welcome any suggestion for the development of affiliation activities and the names of groups that might be interested in affiliation.

Since the annual meeting of 1941 Burt L. Monroe and George H. Lowery, Jr., acted successively as chairman of this committee, but the exigencies of war and other matters forced them to relinquish their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON M. MEADE, M.D., *Chairman*

February 12, 1943

THE WILSON BULLETIN PUBLICATION DATES

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